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Board of governors OKs joint-trustee pension plan

By Kerry Masche

Conestoga College's board of governors voted in favor of a \$2.1 billion joint-trustee pension plan proposed by the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) although several members expressed concerns about some of the benefits that were included.

Although board members were generally in favor of joint-trusteeship, volunteer member Anna Bortolon said, "I don't think we have the right or the level of competency to vote on benefit issues."

Her sentiments were echoed by vice-chair of the executive committee Keith Ainsworth, who said benefit decisions should be left up to the board of trustees instead of the individual colleges.

As of Nov. 28, the other 24 Ontario colleges had voted in favor of the pension which will include a sponsorship committee responsible for administering the plan and a board of trustees in charge of controlling pension funds.

These groups will consist of representatives of both college employers and employees which will allow those under the pension more input into decisions.

Under the previous pension structure, administered by the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), these decisions were made by boards of directors under a separate plan.

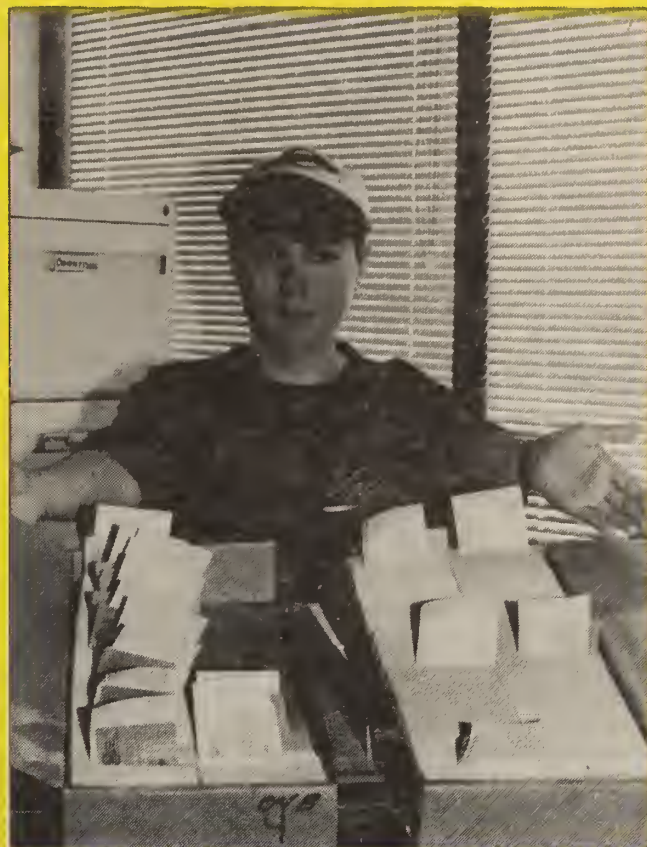
Board members were asked to vote on a new retirement window that will allow for reduction in early retirement penalties from five per cent to three per cent. Also, a policy for terminally ill plan members that will enable people to cash in their pension early instead of leaving it for their surviving relatives.

The benefit that caused the most concern, however, was an inflation protection policy that stipulates the first \$300 million generated from the plan will be used to index employee pensions prior to 1991.

Jacqueline Mitchel, an external member of the board, expressed

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Health card overdose



Jacki Allin, DSA vice-president of student affairs, shows the 2,200 drug cards that need to be picked up by students who qualified for drug coverage.

(Photo by James K. Leduc)

Rodeway Suites student council shuffles members

By Dan Wettlauffer

For the second time in two years, Bob Pettit, a first-year manufacturing and management student, is president of Rodeway Suites' student council.

Last year's president, Richard Moravec, was impeached for alleged failure to complete his duties and for certain ethical reasons. In October, council president Sean Webb resigned and said the student council was becoming an elite club.

In both cases, Pettit took over the presidency of Conestoga's private residence student council.

Pettit started the '94 school year as vice-president, which has since changed to director of student life. Candice Mortier, formerly treasurer, now holds the position.

With Mortier the director of student life, Maggie Pereira becomes the new treasurer.

Rodeway Suites has also added two new positions to the student council: Resident Wendy Haennal

is the new activities co-ordinator and Wendy Pellet has the responsibilities of clerk.

The three new members of council were chosen through an application process, Pettit said. "We (council) took the applications and read them over and voted unanimously on the choices," he added.

Rodeway council is a nine-member panel made up of the five previously mentioned positions as well as four floor dons of the residence. Changes have been made

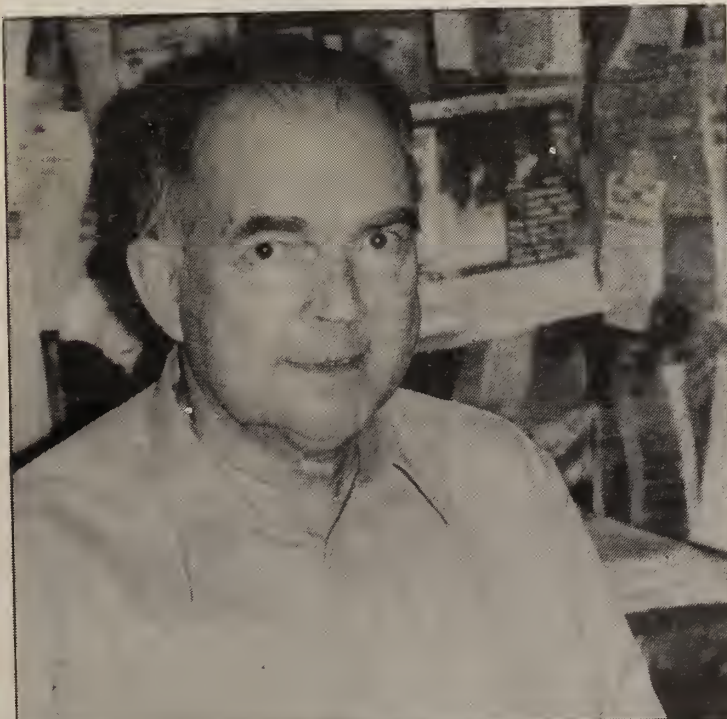
among the floor dons, who are employed by management of Rodeway Suites.

Dallas Green replaced Ben Giancola, who resigned as the first floor don and Kathy Turner represents the fourth floor at council meetings.

Shelley Roberts remains the fourth floor don but wanted to apply herself more to her school work, Pettit said.

Despite all of the changes Pettit said council is going fairly well.

Domm hopes Bernardo trial will be held in Guelph



Gordon Domm sits in front of a wall covered with banned information from the Bernardo trial.

(Photo by Blair Matthews)

By Blair Matthews

If retired Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officer Gordon Domm gets his Christmas wish, the Paul Teale trial will be held in Guelph rather than Ottawa.

Domm, a Guelph resident, has been an active protester of the publication ban imposed on details surrounding the Karla Homoka/Paul Bernardo case by Justice Francis Kovacs last summer.

According to Domm, his crusade began when he learned details of the trial and the murders of two St. Catharines-area teenagers would be banned.

Domm said he subsequently distributed banned newspaper articles to approximately 325 people on request, which eventually got him slapped with two contempt of court charges and a conviction on both counts.

Rather than a jail term, Domm received a fine of \$2,000 for each

count he was found guilty of.

But, Domm said those fines have not silenced him or his views on the Canadian justice system. "There was no publication ban on my own four-day trial. I have received, since then, a transcript of the evidence from that trial. I am distributing that, so people can then make own judgement on the basis of (the transcript)."

Domm said the transcripts will have to speak for him in that case. "I've been advised by my lawyer not to discuss the contents of that transcript or the details of my trial while the appeal before the Ontario Court of Appeal is pending."

Domm, however, is more than willing to discuss his continuing crusade and his plans for the future with anyone who will listen.

That includes the possibility of the Paul Bernardo trial being moved to Guelph.

"It would be a boost to me, absolutely, to have it held in Guelph."

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Stressed students should appreciate mustiness

Demone's is the oldest barber shop in Halifax, N.S. and is owned and operated by Earl Demone, who learned how to cut hair aboard ship in the Second World War. During endless hours of convoy duty on the North Atlantic, Demone apprenticed his trade on the heads of his shipmates and following the war he opened a shop ashore.

Since then, salty dogs and land-lubbers alike have visited Demone for haircuts, conversation and mustiness. His old shop in the old part of the old city is timeless. And best of all, years of cigarette, cigar and pipe smoke have seeped into the barber shop's walls to create an atmosphere which is stale, antiquated and wonderfully comfortable.

Musty is one of those underachieving words which just doesn't get the play that it deserves. Even when it is used, it is usually with a note of derision. In fact, the word has been under attack for most of the last two decades.

Air conditioning has cleansed the air of the warm, musty smells which used to live in old houses. Modern plastic-based fabrics are ridding mankind of the mustiness which often accompanies natural fibre-based fabrics such as cotton. And the recent ban of smoking in barber shops has brought an end to one of the few remaining strongholds of stale, musty Canadiana.

Demone's may never be the same.

The madness must end.

As Canadians, we need mustiness as much as we need the biting cold of winter and the reassuring warmth of hot apple cider.

In an age which is forever rushing forward with better technology and ever increasing mounds of information, we need to slow down, relax and take time to notice the comfortable sensations of life.

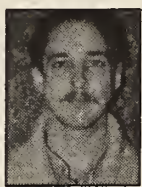
Be it sitting in a smoky barber shop discussing hockey scores, reading an old favorite book or enjoying a cup of coffee in the morning, we need to take time to savor the sensations of our lives because it is these sensations which define and give meaning to the struggles, defeats and efforts of each day.

Without the small comforts, the small moments of reflection and the appreciation of small sensations which are free for the taking, our lives are meaningless drudgery.

So rather than focusing our energies on the stress-relieving benefits of aerobics or pursuing the spiritual peace of T'ai Chi, we should give more time to quiet moments of personal reflection, for in these moments, we can find all the help we need to achieve physical and mental happiness.

Take time to sit back in the Demone's of your choice before the government decides that such sensations should be legislated out of existence.

Take time to escape the plastic-panic, sanitized-stress of the working world, and retire, if only for a moment, to a musty corner of comfort. Earl Demone and everything that he represents will thank you.



By Blake
 Patterson

OPINION



Sex, consenting adults and anything goes

It's one topic that always perks up a few ears and makes most people sit up and take notice of what you are saying.

Sex. That's right, the dreaded s-word.

Look at people's ideals when it comes to premarital sex. Years ago, it was only thought to have been done by so-called promiscuous society. Now everybody's doing it while taking precautions in the face of danger.

One of my parents once told me about how when they grew up, most people were afraid to even mention the word "condom." Now it's second nature, as well as a necessity.

Then came the popularizing of homosexuality. In recent years, certain social reforms have almost succeeded in making it publicly acceptable. I say almost because there are still a few people who live in the Dark Ages and refuse to accept homosexuality as anything other than perversion. These days, no matter how you cut it, love is love, lust is lust and often the two go hand in hand.

There are still a few sexual ideals that are frowned upon, even though they are usually practised by mature, consenting adults with a darker taste; practised by those with whips and handcuffs.

There once was a man called the Marquis de Sade. Most people thought he was nothing more than a sick-minded French soldier and novelist, with his mind in the sewer. He was the author of 120 Days of Sodom,

in which he discusses many things considered sexually violent or taboo.

The term "sadism," a term which came from the Marquis's name, is defined by Webster's as "the getting of sexual pleasure from dominating, mistreating or hurting one's partner."

By David
 Carlton

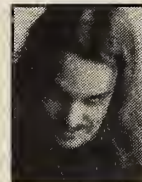
The term sadomasochism is an extension of this term, implying a mutual sexual stimulation for the sadist and the masochist.

In September, a police force in Vaughan raided a house of bondage in the suburbs of that city, seizing handcuffs galore, stockades, jail cells, whips, a coffin, leather paraphernalia and a large wooden cross to which people had been tied and beaten for a price.

This event made the front page of the Toronto Sun, and the article describing it said that the house employees were pulling in \$1,500 a night. This almost makes me think that I should abandon a journalistic career and get a job spanking people.

Such activity might seem aberrant to some, pleasing to others, and simply a fact of life to the more practical, but who are we to dictate what consenting (stressing the word consenting) adults do in the intimate privacy of their own homes?

If people are going to beat each other, or if people feel the urge to gash each other with razor blades while making sure to miss all the major arteries, then so be it. Whatever people need to do to get their kicks out of intimacy, then by all means they should do it. Just as long as no one gets hurt...inordinately.



Time spent on résumé is seldom wasted

Recently, I spent two days working on two items — a cover letter and a résumé.

Some of my peers thought I was crazy spending that much time on two pieces of paper, but I felt these documents could be two of the most important pieces of paper in my life.

I had received a tip on a job from a friend and I wanted to make sure everything was correct. One mistake on those sheets and I could file them under "G" for gone, garbage, get out of here.

I should know. I used to hire sales clerks for a retail store during the Christmas season. It would always surprise me at the junk people would submit — no wonder some are unemployed.

If the program you're in does not offer instructions on how to produce a good cover letter and résumé, look for a night class that does, or research the procedure through the college's learning resource centre.

You might be a straight "A" student, but if you present a poor letter and résumé, the possibilities of getting the job are almost nil.

I am not just talking about mis-



By James K.
 Leduc

takes, or having the package look nice. I'm talking about selling yourself to an employer. The main idea is get noticed out of a large stack of applications and the only way is to sell yourself.

First, make your name the biggest thing on the page. After all, the most important thing about this package is you. Don't include a picture of yourself unless you are applying for a modelling job.

The next heading, academic qualifications, is standard, and there isn't much you can do with it except specify what you have. If your grade average was good, include this information. If it wasn't, don't. Remember, list any awards under academic qualifications.

The next area is related experience. This is where you probably have more qualifications than you think.

Keep in mind that every company has a different way of doing things

and the organization you are applying to often will train. Your skills are adaptable and could be beneficial to that employer. The result: a more positive letter and résumé.

When describing your related experience, use point-form sentences that start with some sort of bullet. It's easier to read.

Start these bullet sentences with a verb. Descriptive words such as: supervised, maintained, implemented and organized are good ones. These suggest that you have accomplished something. And you probably did. You can almost visualize the action taking place when used in this format.

Start with the job title you had (at that part-time job) and BOLD the text to make it stand out. Prospective employers want to know what you did for your previous employer. Who the previous employer was is usually secondary, so put it after the most important thing in the package — YOU.

Lastly, supply references with the package. That way if the employer notices you, a phone call can be made immediately and you are that much closer to getting the job.

Good-luck.

Letters to the editor

Spoke welcomes all letters to the editor. If you have a beef, or an opinion, please send it in. Spoke reserves the right to edit letters to fit space, and to remove any libellous statements. Your letter must be signed, and include your program and year for verification. Send letters to the Spoke office, Room 4B15, Doon campus.

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Campus Comments

What do you think of the Tobacco control Act and do you think it will affect your habits?



I think the Act is ridiculous. It is my choice, my right and my health. I know what smoking will do.

Annette Gauthier
Computer program analyst, first year

I agree with the Act. I do not smoke if someone asks me not to.

Brett Hilts
Electronic engineering, second year



I won't be able to smoke in as many places, but the restrictions so far have not changed my habits. I doubt if these ones will.

Carol Scnelder
Business administration accounting, first year

The law is fine for inside buildings, but it is idiotic for any restrictions to apply outside.

Jarrett Schneider
Electronic engineering, first year



I am old enough to buy my own smokes, so it doesn't really affect me. But if I wasn't old enough, I would be mad.

Lynn Charlton
Law and security administration, first year

The law is overkill on the smoking issue. It cuts into my freedom.

Adam Meyer
Electronic engineering, first year



It won't change my habits at all. I believe it is an infringement on my rights because it says where I can and cannot smoke.

Bruno Travalione
Computer programming/analyst, third year

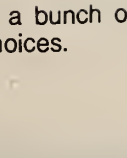
I guess I will smoke more when I'm walking outside. I think it is better for coffee shops and restaurants.

Donna Ilowski
Office systems administration, first year



The government thinks we are a bunch of rocks unable to make our own choices.

Dean Robertson
Electronic engineering, first year



I agree as long as it does not get like prohibition.

James Spratt
Computer programming/analyst, third year



Ideas? Are there questions you would like answered? Spoke welcomes suggestions for Campus Comments. Bring suggestions to the Spoke office at room 4B15 or call Spoke at 748-5366.

Letters to the Editor

Temple of Set member sets record straight

To the editor:

The Sept. 12 article, "Wicca religion shapes teen's life," has recently come to my attention. As a member of the Temple of Set, I feel obligated to correct the article's errors regarding such.

While the article in question was imbued with fallacious data regarding occultism and paganism in general, this reply concerns itself primarily with Satanism and the Temple of Set.

Mr. Christou's personal synthesis is incompatible with occult theories and practices and does not reflect Satanism at all. Wicca is not an amalgamation of Satanism and the Cabala (not "Qubbalism" as it was spelled in the article). The practices of Witchcraft was and is today, the maturation of primitive animism. Wicca on the other hand, is a modern invention built upon historical inconsistency and an atmosphere of extreme Leftist politics. The Cabala, known as the Tree of life, is under considerable debate by Hebrew scholars and contains many consistent elements in its own right.

Christou claims that the main rule of Wicca is "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," which is difficult to believe when one considers the fear that Wiccans have regarding Karmic retribution and their philanthropic/egalitarian ideology.

The philosophy of "an eye for an eye" more properly belongs with ideology that emphasizes survivalist theory like social Darwinism and Satanism.

The article leads one to believe that the Temple of Set is a "coven". This is however, is not so. The Temple of Set is an international organization consisting of cooperative initiates and philosophers who are dedicated to the study of black arts and the activation of evolutionary potential.

It is the sole Satanic institution possessing legal credentials and full recognition by the United States government.

Many pseudo facts abound in the article. One such, is that the Temple of Set is a "church with about 700 members." It remains a mystery as to how this figure was obtained, as the Temple of Set has never announced an official membership figure within the public domain.

There does exist within the Temple of Set, a structured degree system which is much like those of such 19th century occult lodges as the Golden Dawn and the O.T.O.

It is incorrect for the article to state that there are "different levels of entry." But rather, one enters the Temple of Set in a state of mutual evaluation and then progresses through its degree system through a process of initiation which is self-activated.

The progression ensues through formal recognition of the individuals expertise in the theory and practice of black magic and an increased understanding of the Temple of Set's perspective of humankind and its relation to that of the Universe.

The Temple of Set was not origi-

nally called the Church of Satan. It found its conception in 1975 during a crisis, a term in which general disgruntlement among Church of Satan members with certain changes in its organizational viability contributed to the formation of the Temple of Set.

The majority of the Church's agents, officials and priesthood, resigned in protest to preserve the more noble aspects of Satanism in what is now the Temple of Set. The Temple takes its name from the original priesthood of Set, a psyche-worshipping religion in ancient Egypt.

Set is not the "Egyptian god of the dead," as the article indicates, but a god of life that the predynastic Egyptians held in great reverence. The formal hieroglyphic title of Set was Set-hen, not Set-han, which means eternal Set.

Additionally, Satanism is not the worship of Satan, but the veneration of the human ego and individuality. The Prince of Darkness is a symbol which man most easily identifies, with the independent thinking and rebellion from herd-conformity which restricts intellectual achievement.

Worship indicates the existence of dogma and promotes degradation, both being equally repugnant to the Setian/Satanist. Thus, the exaltation of Set and/or Satan is the glorification of the higher self and not submission to a malevolent dictatorial entity.

Jared Davison
Affiliate of the Temple of Set

DSA not keeping students in mind

To the editor;

I am equally disgusted at both the student body and the DSA for their participation during the mayoral candidates speeches. Ms. Newton should never assume that the student body is indifferent to government matters at any level.

I personally attended, at great sacrifice, each of the speeches so that I would make a more informed vote. If the DSA represents the student body then more care should be taken on their part to establish a

time that is more convenient for the general student body.

I hope if this is put in to action that the students who feel that is in not necessary to exercise their right to vote will reconsider this privilege that this country gives to each citizen.

Aside, I find it ironic that Mr. Ferguson stated "I wouldn't expect students to be engrossed... I would be worried about them if they were," when some of our funding is allocated by the city and is control-

led in part by our perspective mayor.

A refocusing on the true problem and not the symptom (student apathy) will be required, if we are to avoid this situation in the future.

Gary Feierabend
Concerned student

Corrections

In the Dec. 5 issue of Spoke, John Jaklitsch's name was misspelled in Campus Comments on page 3. Spoke regrets the error.

DSA SUGGESTIONS



Dear DSA:

I have a suggestion for your suggestion box system.

Firstly, it is a great idea.

Secondly, if someone puts a suggestion into the box and does not wish to sign it, how does one get your speedy feedback or even know that the issue has been addressed?

Thirdly, the DSA bulletin board in front of the office could be used for a suggestion/reply board!!! With this system all suggestions are posted on the board and your reply below them. This allows all students access to view concerns of the student body.

Of course personal issues can be directed to the DSA representative of the class to pass on to a student!!

What do you think? Will you try it? This is similar to the Learning Resource Centre suggestion box and board.

Sincerely,
Student



Dear Student:

Thank you for your suggestion!

A suggestion board was a great idea. There is one located outside the DSA Activities offices in the main cafeteria. Also Make sure you check out the suggestions and responses in "Spoke" every week!

Keep those suggestions coming!

Sincerely,
The DSA

Residence events

Council plans skydiving and Daytona trip

By Dan Wettlaufer

Yuletide spirits to flow

Students living at Conestoga's private residence, Rodeway Suites, will have a number of events to look forward to in upcoming weeks and months.

Rodeway's student council president, Bob Pettit, said he and the council are planning a Christmas party at the residence. "We want to find out when most people's exams are and plan the party around them."

The party will be a BYOB affair and admission will likely be free to Conestoga students and residents who want to attend. "Basically, it's just show up and have a good time," Pettit said.

Skydiving is considered

Council is also trying to organize a skydiving event for the residence. Pettit said he has contacted the parachuting club called the Drop Zone located near Toronto.

If 10 or more residents sign up for the jump they will each get \$10 off the regular \$99 fee, he said.

The \$89 would cover the mandatory training, exam and the 3,500 foot jump from the airplane. Pettit said every jump after the first one is \$40.

Wall climbing to be offered

Students who enjoy physical activities might also find interest in wall climbing. Pettit said he wants to organize the activity at the Wall Climbing Academy in Toronto, but no date has been set.

Trip to Daytona in the works

An event some residents are organizing is a trip to Daytona Beach for the March break. Pettit said about 20 people have expressed interest in the trip and some have already started handing in their deposit money.

Free shuttle bus provided

And for students who like to party, the night club Inner City, located in downtown Kitchener, is providing a shuttle bus from the residence to Inner City and back, free of charge to students.

The bus arrives at Rodeway every Thursday at approximately 9 p.m. and shuttles partygoers to the popular dance club.

Council is holding back most events, including a scavenger hunt, until the new year because academic demands are forcing students who live in the residence to give less time to social activities. "Everything is kind of winding down as exam time gets closer," said Pettit.

Board of governors approves pension

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concerns about potential liability for the college should these funds remain unavailable.

Faculty union president John Berry said that although he does not like every aspect of the plan, he supports inflation protection. Berry said a five per cent annual increase in pension benefits would double someone's benefits in about 25 years.

He said under the previous structure, retirees pensions remained the same without allowing for the ever-increasing costs of living.

Berry said the college has nothing to fear about any future financial strain because inflation protection was never offered as a written guarantee. "Nowhere does it guarantee full indexing period," and that the money will only be used if it is available, he added.

In order for joint-trusteeship to be implemented, 60 per cent of the employees were required to vote in favor and 60 per cent of the college boards throughout the province also had to approve.

However, regardless of the 60 per cent factor, college boards were told by OPSEU that 100 per cent support was needed from the boards or else legislation would be taken to force the change.

Members of the board met on the morning of Dec. 4 and passed the proposal through se-

cret ballot.

The vote affects approximately 18,000 college employees province wide.

Out of 17 members on the board, 12 ballots were cast, eight of which were in favor, three against and one undecided.

The board had originally met to vote at its regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 28, but failed to meet voting requirements because too few of the external members were present.

Fourteen members attended the meeting. However, four declared conflicts because they were employed by the college and had a personal interest in the outcome.

To have a legitimate and binding vote, 11 members (two thirds) must participate.

Members who declared conflicts and could not vote were Conestoga College president John Tibbits, Doon campus librarian Shari Gross, marketing instructor and faculty representative Ted Goddard and the Doon campus bookstore manager Vanda Kelly.

Goddard said although only 54 per cent of Ontario's college employees participated in the vote, 90 per cent supported the idea of joint-trusteeship for the pension.

At Conestoga College, a vote for employees was held on Oct. 26 which resulted in 76 per cent expressing their support of the plan.

Domm continues to oppose publication ban

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From a monetary point of view, it would be a plus for Guelph as far as bringing business (to the city). I've been informed by reliable sources that there was an actual application to have it here (in Guelph)," Domm said.

Domm said if the trial is held in Guelph, he will make his presence known. "I'll be on their door-step everyday — you can count on it, unless I'm in a hospital bed, or in a coffin," he said.

If the trial ends up in Ottawa, Domm said he would make trips there as well, but not as many be-

cause he couldn't afford to fly there.

According to Domm, flying people to Ottawa — witnesses, victims' families and lawyers — is something that officials are going to have to consider. "They've run up a quarter of a billion (dollars) already just in defence lawyers alone. That doesn't include the cost of the courts administering so-called justice," Domm said.

Though Domm said it is uncertain when the actual announcement for the venue choice will occur, it is expected to be released near the end of December.

Looking back at his actions over

the past year, Domm said he has never been sorry he got involved with the case. "I'm just thrilled. I feel this is an opportunity of a lifetime for me to have been able to bring to the attention of the Canadian people the sad state of our justice system."

Domm said he also realizes that his actions are going to affect how justice is administered from years to come.

"Now, I can see that this is going to be a test case for decades — the way they handled this, the fairness of it. Different aspects of the justice system are going to have to explored all over (again)."

Pipers piping



Pipe Major Glenn McGregor of the pipes and drums of the Royal Canadian Legion in Clinton performs in the Seaforth Santa Claus parade Nov. 25. (Photo by Blake Patterson)

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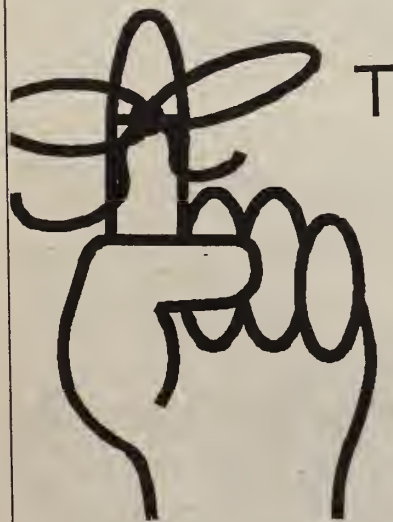
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Tiny tow



Patty Wilkins, left, is escorted around Doon's main cafeteria by her little friend.
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Catnapping



Andrew Schneider, second-year business student, takes a nap in the lounge before his next class.
(Photo by Dan Wettlaufer)

Just foosing around



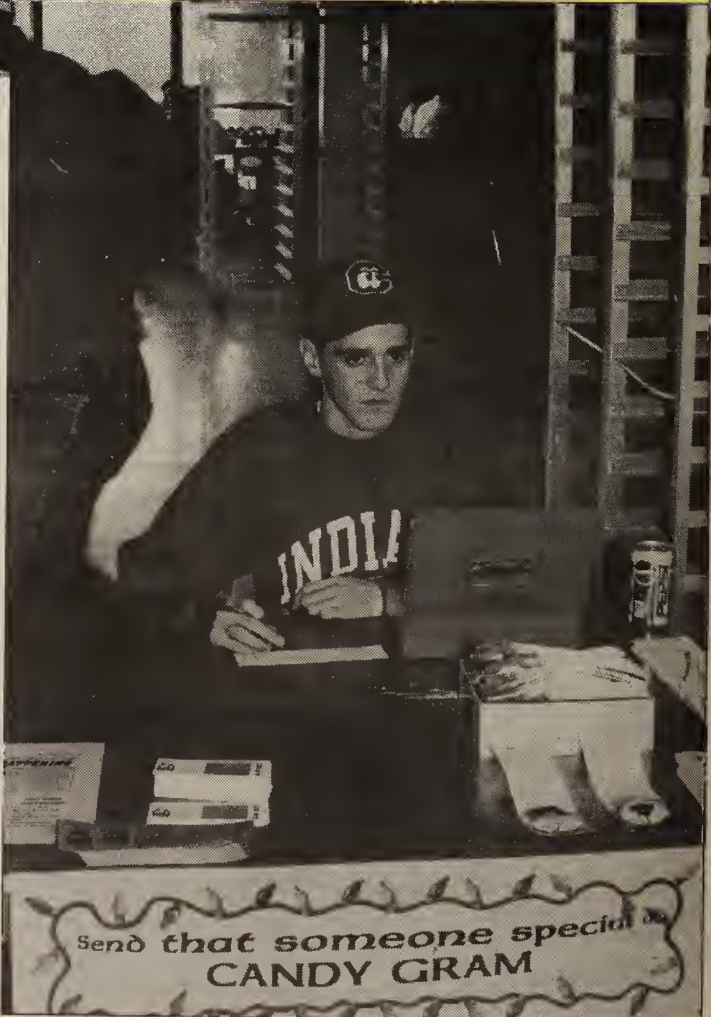
Joining up



Eddie Roth fills out a registration form for the career in real estate program at Conestoga College.
(Photo by Dan Wettlaufer)

Gloria Reudiger, left, and Robin Piotto team up for a game of foosball in the student lounge.
(Photo by Dan Wettlaufer)

Sweet gifts



Patrick Moules, third-semester journalism student, sells candy grams in the main cafeteria.
(Photo by James K. Leduc)

Perspective

Conestoga small business

Meat shop president shares formula for his success

By Blair Matthews

M & M Meat Shops president Mac Voisin believes that success comes by surrounding oneself with positive people, and acting big is the first step in making people believe you are successful.

Voisin spoke about the M & M Meat Shops success story to approximately 250 business people from the community at Conestoga's Doon campus Nov. 26.

According to Voisin, the idea to open the shop came when he and his brother-in-law Mark were discussing why people don't always get a perfect steak in the supermarket like they do in a restaurant.

One idea led to another, and a concept for selling food service products to people who wanted something quick but good was born, Voisin said.

"Microwave ovens were in most homes. Women were going back to work in droves. We had a desire by people to spend less time in the kitchen — they wanted to have high-quality meal in a short period of time."

Voisin was convinced they had a winning idea. So, with what they thought was a great concept at the time, Voisin said he and his partner opened their first M & M Meat Shop on Victoria Street — a 1,000-square-foot space — in Kitchener on Oct. 10, 1980.

Unfortunately, the consumer was not as excited about the concept as Voisin and his partner were.

"Through October, November, December, (and) January, we had really tough times. Sales were, I guess you could say, down right rotten."

Things at the shop got so bad that on Feb. 10, 1981, just four months after they had opened their first store, they closed that day without a single sale.

Voisin said they joked that the worst part was the fact that the cash flow for the day did not balance.

Part of their problem could have been the fact they were famous for over-stocking.

"If a good salesman said, if you buy 100 cases of this product, we'll knock off 10 cents a pound, we'd take 100 cases. We were always thinking big," said Voisin.

Voisin said their big break finally came when a business writer from the Kitchener-Waterloo Record wrote a feature story on the M & M concept.

After the story came out, Voisin said, people were lined up at the door.

With the business enjoying great sales, Voisin said, they devised stunts to keep the consumer interested and keep attention drawn to M & M Meat Shops.

"We used to have truck load sales, (and) we had crazy animal hats (for the kids)."

Voisin said they once put a barbecue out on the boulevard in front of the store with strips of the fattiest bacon they could find on it — people were drawn into the store complaining about the smoke.

"We used the boulevard as a vehicle to get people into our store."

According to Voisin, the stunts continued as they attempted to produce the world's longest sausage in 1983 with J.M. Schneider Ltd.

"We said, why don't we go for six miles (to beat the 4.5-mile record). We brought in these engineers to verify it. When they measured it on these 17 stainless steel racks, it was 8.86 miles (long) and we held the record for five years."

If the finished product had been stood on end, it would have been 17 times taller than the CN Tower and weighed the equivalent of two large African bush elephants, he said.

Voisin even sent a case of the sausage to the Queen of England after someone proposed the idea as a joke.

"We got a letter from the Queen saying how much she enjoyed the sausage," Voisin said.

Now, with 136 stores, 300 products, and expansion plans for Quebec and Edmonton, Voisin said he would not be where he is today if it were not for the people he works with.

"You start with a good idea and that ends up being about 10 per cent of the total package. The other 90 per cent is all people — putting all the right people in the right places at the right time."

Voisin said he has one simple goal for the future.

"We want to have the strongest franchise company in Canada. We just want to keep racing to the finish line."



M & M Meat Shops president Mac Voisin holds up a Conestoga sweatshirt after a speech at the college. (Photo by Blair Matthews)

Graduate success

Student uses skills in the family business

By Brenda Boomer

Simon Fallows, a Conestoga College graduate, said the two-year-old small business program at Doon has helped his father's business become more successful.

Fallows is operations manager for an arm-support company in Cambridge launched two years ago.

Fallows went to work in the business in January 1993 and entered Conestoga's small business program in September the same year.

Although Fallows already worked for the operation, he said he had the knowledge, but didn't know how to put it all together to make the business more successful.

"I was swamped. I didn't know what direction to go in. Before I took the small business course, I had no plan."

The small business program, he said, helped him gather the knowledge he already had and develop a business plan.

Fallows said the program helped him to become more focused. But the course was not totally new to him. He had taken accounting in

high school and after had studied accounting at Conestoga.

Since Fallows has completed the program, he said, his father's business has taken a drastic upswing. "A few things are still unclear because I am still learning as I go."

Fallows said the small business

"I needed to develop a business plan. That's why a lot of people take the course."

— Simon Fallows

course was difficult because it took up a lot of time. And since he was already working, it was difficult for him to be in school for so many hours, he said.

The business makes arm supports for all types of audio-video furniture. The arms support brackets, secure televisions and other audio-video equipment that extend from walls. The company supplies commercial, institutional and residential industries, he said.

The main reason Fallows took the course was to learn how to focus

and target the company's products into those three industries. "I needed to develop a business plan. That's why a lot of people take the course."

"The program taught me who to contact and how to get to them. We also received instruction on forecasting sales and getting our product to the market; along with developing financial statements," he said.

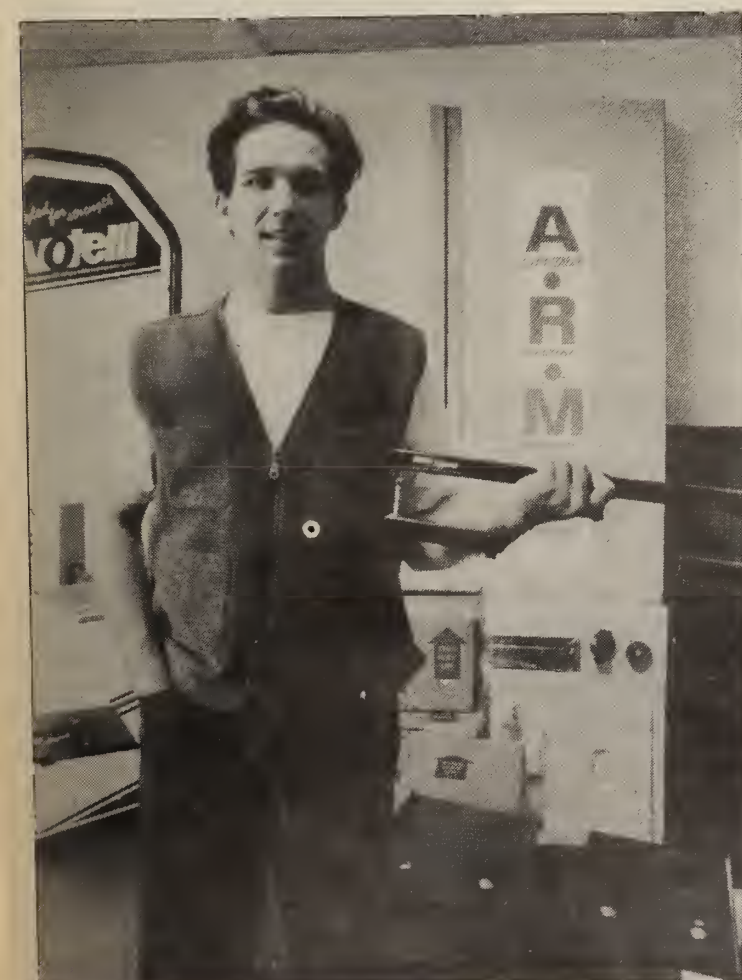
Fallows said the relationships made with instructors and students has also helped a lot.

"Referrals go back and fourth between students and instructors and we developed a lot of good friendships," he said.

But with the program being lodged in a different building away from most of the other programs offered at Doon, he said, it sometimes made it difficult.

"No one knew us because we were separated. We tried a few fundraisers that bombed. Nobody knew we were even there," he said.

But Fallows describes the small business program as the blue print for his success.




Former business student Simon Fallows holds up one of the products his family's company produces. (Photo by Brenda Boomer)

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Counsellor's Corner

by Lisa Sicoli

Winter is here, and for some people a change in weather means a change in mood. The holiday season reminds some people of past losses they've experienced and as the stress from school pressures mounts, feelings of depression are sometimes triggered.

Depression can become a problem when your depressed mood doesn't go away and begins to interfere with your ability to function in everyday life. Depression may be characterized by feelings of hopelessness, emotional upsets, trouble with sleep (too much or too little), difficulty concentrating on school, feelings of anxiousness, loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities (exercise, eating, socializing) and feelings of helplessness.

If you are depressed, it's important that you get some help. When we experience depression, our bodies are telling us something. We need to listen to our feelings and understand where the depression is coming from. If these signs of depression fit for you, please come talk to a counsellor at Student Services.

(Counsellor's Corner is prepared by Student Services)



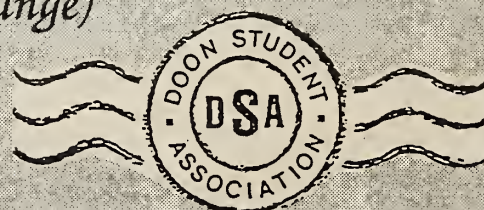

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Deanna Ciuciura, Conestoga's OCCSPA representative, reviews some notes before attending the conference. (Photo by Dan Wettlaufer)

Student group reviews social policy

By Dan Wettlaufer

The Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association (OCCSPA) met last weekend to discuss principle papers on social policy reform and the Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plan (ICLR).

The social contract was implemented in 1992 by the provincial government, and has had a tremendous impact on the Ontario college system.

Over the course of three years, \$120 million was removed from the college sector, according to the OCCSPA Response To Social Policy Reform paper.

The paper also said the social contract will be revoked in 1995.

OCCSPA's principle paper dealing with the income repayment plan, addresses five issues, according to the group's news release.

Principles listed in the paper include a repayment plan that downloads the cost of post-second-

ary education and a repayment period based on the financial situation of the graduate.

One principle states there must be an income threshold for repayment and that the repayment of loans should be collected through the tax system.

Another principle claims eligibility criteria should be adjusted to reflect the changing student population.

At a news conference held in Toronto, OCCSPA officials were denied the right to attend parliamentary meetings in Ottawa.

According to Deanna Ciuciura, Conestoga's OCCSPA representative, the government body said all requests for lobby groups to attend parliament are put into a hat and picked at random.

The meeting took place Nov. 23 at Queen's Park.

During the weekend meeting, the group discussed helping Richard Bourdages attend the sessions.

Bourdages, a Sault College stu-

dent, is representing native students at OCCSPA and is the chair of Aboriginal Affairs.

Ciuciura, Doon Student Association vice-president of operations, said Bourdages doesn't have sufficient funding from Sault College and therefore, finds it difficult to attend OCCSPA meetings.

Ciuciura said members of OCCSPA will help him "get to the conferences and meetings by either giving him a ride or helping him find transportation."

The organization is also planning to hold an OCCSPA Awareness Week at all colleges across Ontario.

"Students will know and learn what OCCSPA is and how it works," said Ciuciura.

Conestoga's Awareness Week activities are being organized by Ciuciura and Jacki Allin, vice-president of student affairs.

Both are members of the Development and Research Committee at the college.

Conestoga's United Way campaign exceeds last year's total by \$2,789

By Kerry Masche

Conestoga's annual United Way campaign has collected \$23,822.79 surpassing last year's total of \$21,041.

At a committee meeting held on Nov. 29, campaign co-chair Edith Torbay said that although a goal was not set for this year's campaign, "we have accomplished more than just getting the numbers up."

Torbay said she felt committee members were successful in put-

ting a "new face" on the campaign and that several people approached her to say they had noticed differences from last year's effort.

Special events such as relay races and prize raffles held during the campaign kickoff Oct. 17, raised \$1,540.79, which more than doubles last year's total of \$662.

John Berry, committee member and president of the college faculty union, said there was a 12 to 13 per cent increase in funds from last year which is "something to be proud of."

Suggestions were made on how to improve next year's campaign.

Marketing faculty member Deb Reyner said she thought the campaign should have been started earlier this year and that the college should start working on its next campaign in January.

She said committee members should be in place to work on awareness, promotions and team placement as soon as possible.

Torbay said it was her intention to "start a new trend" with the t-shirts made for the campaign.

She said if there are people who wish to participate again next year, they should keep their shirts to help save costs and to show they had helped during a previous campaign.

Draws were made on three Conestoga sweatshirts for the three teams who worked on the campaign: committee members, canvassers and events volunteers.

Reyner won the first draw, early childhood education teacher Titia Taylor won the second and second-year marketing student Ryan Hall-

man, the third.

Torbay said although both she and fellow co-chair Linda Krotz had agreed to work on the campaign for only one year, they may do it again if they have apprentices.

She said leading the campaign is too much work for one person which is why the position was split in two this year.

Torbay said if no one volunteers to chair next year, she may approach the academic management committee to tell them they need to find a new chair.

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SPORTS

Condors win home game by landslide



Jason McDougall of Conestoga Condors, slides the puck past Algonquin Thunder goalie Scott Balantyne.

Photo by Eduardo Capozzi

By Sean Webb

Condor Brian Park led Conestoga to their second home game victory, with to an 11-5 trashing of the Algonquin Thunder. Park had four goals and three assists, at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation centre Dec. 3.

The Condors silenced the Thunder despite 36 minutes in penalties, including two ten-minute misconducts in the second period.

The win brings Conestoga's season record to 4-2-0, and Algonquin's to 2-4-1.

Park began the offensive whirlwind in the first period with two goals, while teammates Conal Vaughn and Joel Washkurak pitched in with one goal each.

Kevin Rooney got Algonquin on the scoreboard minutes after the Washkurak goal. Jason McDougall scored soon after Rooney to cut Conestoga's lead to 3-2.

Seconds later, Parks scored his second goal of the game giving the Condors a two goal lead.

In the second period, Algonquin Jon Lawiess was sent to the box for charging, giving the Condors a power play. Condor Dave Long scored half-way through Lawiess's penalty.

Evan Anderson scored five minutes later, giving Conestoga a 6-2 advantage.

The Thunder matched Conestoga point for point in the second period with goals by Mitch Hachez and McDougall.

McDougall showed the Condors that the Thunder can use power plays as well as they can, when he

capitalized on Condor Brent Ashmore's slashing penalty, cutting the Condor's lead to 6-4.

During third period action Conestoga pecked and clawed their way to an 11-5 victory.

Dave Karabinos scored the Thunder's only goal of the third period.

Long and Anderson each got another goal, while Parks scored two more. Michael Hunt got the last goal for Conestoga, which put them ahead by an unattainable margin of six, with just over two minutes to play.

Conestoga's Joel Washkurak kept the penalty box warm with three penalties, including a 10-minute misconduct penalty in the second period.

Teammate Andy Coutts also received a ten-minute misconduct.

Algonquin's Ertug Gurhan presided over the visitor's penalty box and made an early trip to the showers at the request of referee P. Oliniski in the third period.

"I thought that we didn't come out very well early in the game," said Algonquin assistant coach Tom Larocque. "It's tough to give these guys a three-goal lead and come back on them."

He said that it was difficult for his players to adjust to the large ice surface. "We don't see ice this big in our area, and the Condors take advantage of that," said Larocque.

Conestoga coach Ron Woodworth complimented Algonquin saying "They out-played us for a lot of the game in some respects. Their goal-tender played very well, and we didn't capitalize when we had a few chances."

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Brian Park

Park had an outstanding game Saturday, against the Algonquin Thunder, scoring four goals for the Conestoga Condors.

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Smash hit

Offspring's new release toe-tapping addiction

By Jennie Richardson

Artist: The Offspring
Title: Smash
Performance: addictive
Hot Spots: Come out and Play, What happened to you
Bottom line: should be heard

If you like music from The Ramones or Sex Pistols, then The Offspring's new disc Smash, will be a valuable addition to your CD collection.

The group mixes punk and mainstream sounds to carve out their own niche in the varied music types of today. The result is toe-tapping music that plays in your head long after you finish listening to it.

Smash, The Offspring's second disc since the band formed in 1992, carries much the same message as

their first disc, Illusion, did with themes of troubled youth and social problems.

Exposure on MTV and MuchMusic for the videos for Come out and play, and Self Esteem, aided the success of Smash, helping it reach fourth spot on music charts in the United States.

Although those are the best known songs on the disc, the remaining tunes can hold their own.

The lyrics to all the songs reflect the startling honesty which has helped them develop a following. Social messages are found in music every day, but not many can imitate the sincerity that the band put into their tracks. Many of these messages ring true to life especially in

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The Offspring
Smash

their home area of Orange County, California.

For example, the song Bad Habit, depicts a driver who is losing his mind while driving on the freeway, threatening to shoot the drivers who cut him off.

The song takes you for a realistic ride on the Southern California freeways. Gang violence and friends burned out from drug use provide the backdrop for the two best songs on Smash, Come out and Play, and What Happened to You.

The only criticism of the disc is the fast punk beat diluting the strength of the powerful messages of Come out and Play, and What happened to you.

The songs are so fast that the disc jacket has to be referred to in order

to catch the gist of the songs.

Vocalist Dexter Holland's voice sounds familiar, yet one is never able to place it. His sound is a cross between the late Kurt Cobain of Nirvana and Layne Stanley of Alice in Chains.

Even though the band has only been together for two years, with Noodles on guitar, Greg K on bass and Ron Welty on drums, the band seems to gel and play well together. No one steals the spotlight.

With the success of Smash, and it being only the second disc released by The Offspring, they are a shooting star to watch in the future.

Their next disc will be a success when it is released, if only because of the increase in loyal fans recruited with the release of Smash. Their music is addictive and leaves one wanting more.

Get a Grip

Rock 'n' roll giant Aerosmith to visit Toronto SkyDome

By Dan Wettlaufer

Santa Claus is not the only one coming to Toronto this month. Rock 'n' roll giants Aerosmith headline the Skydome Dec. 13.

Aerosmith, currently on their "Get a Grip" world tour will be sliding into Toronto to pass out a few of their own gifts. Musical gifts that is.

Aerosmith is out on the road promoting Get a Grip, released last year, and may add two new songs off their latest greatest hits album Big Ones.

The bad boys from Boston have not hit the stage in Toronto since last year's gig at the C.N.E with the 4 Non Blondes.

Brisk ticket sales for the Dec. 13 show indicates the band has a loyal following in the southern Ontario area.

Mary Anner Ferril, public relations for C.I.P., who is promoting the group, said there are a few tickets left for the show. Tickets for the event can be ordered over the phone

Off-Campus Advance
Aerosmith
Skydome

or bought in person at all Ticket Master locations. However, according to Ferril level 500 seats are all that is available for the Tuesday night concert.

When bands are as big as Aerosmith they usually have the luxury of hand picking the opening act, ensuring the audience gets their money's worth. This time around Jackyl receives the honour of opening for America's favorite band.

Relatively a new band, Jackyl's musical style is close to Aerosmith's and should keep the Aeromaniacs busy for a while.

Jackyl is currently on the road promoting their new album When Push Comes to Shove.

Aerosmith, notorious for not going on stage until everything is perfect, is sure to set the night on fire.



Testament carves niche in metal scene

By Dan Wettlaufer

Band: Testament
Album: LOW (Atlantic)
Performance: Mind boggling Heavy Metal/Thrash
Hot Spots: Legion (In Hiding), Dog Faced Gods and Urotsukidoji.
Bottom Line: Amazing rip the flesh of your face music

What started out as a Metallica want to be band, Testament has finally carved their own niche in the metal scene with LOW.

From start to finish LOW kicks you in the face and keeps on pounding.

The title song and opening track LOW questions humanity and the evil we do to each other, no matter who we hurt, in order to get the things we want out of life.

Legions (In Hiding), picks up where LOW leaves off and whisks the listener off to the pain that hides

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Testament
LOW

in all our heads. The next song, Trail of Tears, is the first and only ballad I can stomach by Testament. Most ballads by heavy\thrash bands don't do much except embarrass the musicians. However, Trail of Tears ranks right beside Metallica's One.

Shades of War brings the listener back from the dream-like sound of Tears and is highly recommended for that special mosh pit at weekend parties.

P.C. ends side one with a sour message for the governments of the world, people are pissed off and will take what they want!

Dog Faced Gods kicks off side two and is lead singer Chuck Billy's finest moment on the entire tape. From start to finish he growls in

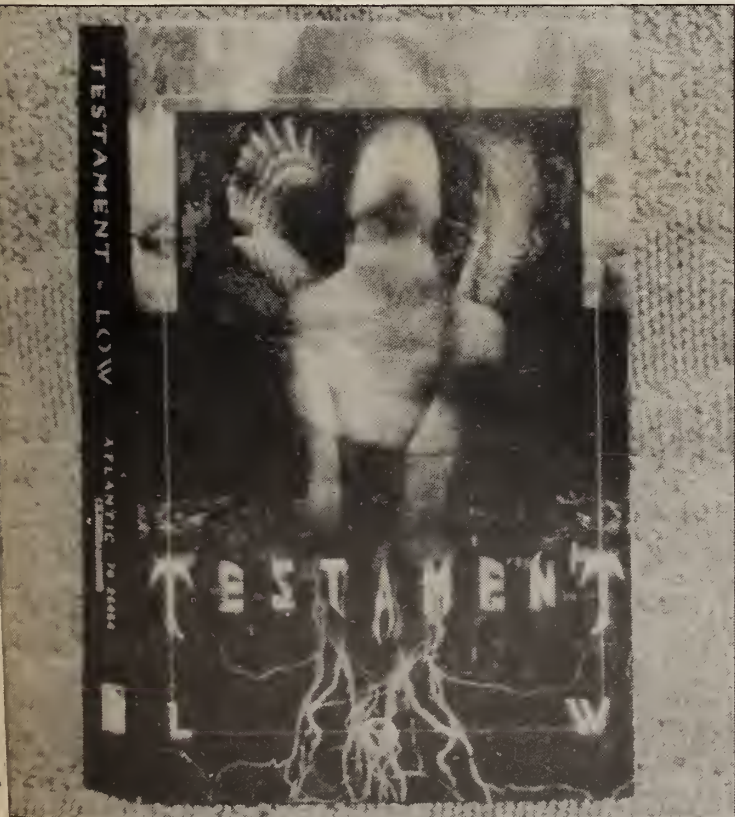
your ear and refuses to let go. Without a doubt Dog Faced Gods is the heaviest tune on the cassette.

All I Could Bleed, preaches about the forces in society that try to control everything we do. "Fuck government policy, Land is of the free, Don't take away your two bit society, Dying for your greed Now watch them bleed," drives Testament's message home, sure and fast.

Urotsukidoji is one of the finest instrumentals released by a band. Hard driving and furious, it leaves the listener panting for more.

Testament's LOW ends with Last Call, an instrumental outroduction that is a refreshing surprise for the end of a musical release.

For years Testament has been considered a Metallica imitation band. With the release of LOW, Testament has stepped out of the Metallica shadow and is ready to claim the title as the king of thrash\metal.



Rock 'n' roll never felt so disgusting

Gwar plays sick and twisted metal

By David Carlton

It's late at night and people are filing out of a concert hall in an unruly part of Toronto. They are covered in blood, brains and semen.

They had just watched eight biological mutants butcher latex people up on stage, spraying the crowd with bodily fluids and singing songs about pedophilia, necrophilia, conquering the Earth and enslaving the human race.

Gwar put on a good show that night.

Hailing from Richmond, Va., Gwar is one of the strangest of metal bands on the scene, but it has won the hearts of the cynical and those who have a love for shock theatre.

Consisting of five band members, a manager with oversized Elvis hair, a torch-wielding woman with spikes galore and a top-knotted sodomizing maniac.

Ever since their debut album, Hell-O, right on up to their most recent release, This Toilet Earth, Gwar has spat, urinated and shed blood in the face of American morality, and has amassed more than just a little cult following in both

metal and alternative communities. They play to more than capacity crowds, spewing out such brutal tunes as Crack in the Egg and I'm in Love (With a Dead Dog).

The band members themselves are a spectacle on their own. Odorus Urungus, the vocalist, stands with an exposed brain, dinosaur feet

and a grotesque parody of a penis which he refers to as the "Cuttlefish of Cthulhu."

Beefcake the Mighty, who plays the bass that looks like an oversized steak and does vocals on the songs Cool Place to Park, The Road Behind and Pussy Planet, looks like an oversized ancient Roman centurion done up in black-face.

Balsac the Jaws of Death is

lead guitar, and sports a bear-trap head with black dreadlocks sprouting up from the top. He stands the tallest and says little.

Flattus Maximus is rhythm guitar, and he says next to nothing. With dinosaur skulls on his shoulders and a red face, he is almost indescribable in his appearance.

Gusher Jizmak "the Beating Machine" took the place of Nippleus Erectus (who only appeared on Hell-O) as the drummer. His drum kit stands twice as tall as the average person, with eyes, skulls and green things here and there. He has an excessive underbite and has (what's called) the Pope's nose hanging from his neck.

Slymenstra Hyman (also known

as Gwar Woman) is painted up with a harlequin's face and has spikes mounted all across her skimpy costume. The Sexexecutioner has a topknot, an axe, an enormous nose and his own self-titled song on the Scumdogs of the Universe album.

Sleazy P. Martini (entrepreneur extraordinaire) is the only one who looks remotely human. With a huge gold dollar sign pendant and an even bigger hair-do (which is about two to three times as big as his head), he is responsible for only one song on Scumdogs — Slaughterrama — a song which has been regarded as Gwar's anthem of chaos in which they put various contemptible people to death.

The band's lyrical matter spans the globe of disgusting subject matter with songs about the molesting of dead children (Have You Seen Me? from the album America Must Be Destroyed) and about the "decadent rock and roll lifestyle" (Blimey, from the same album).

Put all of this together on a stage and give them loud music to play, and you will find something unspeakably ugly, yet funny.

Entertainment profile

Gwar

"Your Golden Arches and your shopping malls remind us that you must fall!"

— From the song Cool Place to Park on the album Scumdogs of the Universe

Album review

Green Jelly

By James K. Leduc

Artist: Green Jelly

Album: 333

Performance: Righteous variety

Hot Spots: Fixation

Bottom Line: Rockin' surprise

Take the zany sounds of Frank Zappa, kazoos and all, mix in the warbling notes of the B-52s, a few Zeppelinesque guitar riffs, the grinding noise of White Snake, smother it with the alternative hardcore punk noise/hard rock of White Zombie and the result: Green Jelly 333.

This is the second release of demented tunes by Green Jelly. According to Rolling Stone magazine, this group was the musical low point of 1993, and I thought I was going to say the same of the 333 release in 1994.

Oddly enough, after a few listens at full volume, a couple of great songs emerged.

The wicked beat of the first song, Carnage Rules, is the best example of what this band can do. It is a continuous battery of drums and bass guitar meshed together to form a hard-hitting, fast-moving metal mania of sounds.

A couple of tunes later, Fixation sounds like the B-52s on speed — fast, faster, fastest. This is best described as screaming women that can actually carry a tune.

Blend this with a chest-thumping beat and a few drawn-out harmonies and this song really works.

Sticking to Green Jelly style is the mandatory sing-along tune. On the first release it was the Three Little Pigs. This time The Bear Song just

asks the listener to sing the bear jumped over the mountain to see what he could see and yell "Hey" at the end.

A great tune and easy to remember because you have just read all the lyrics.

The 12 members of this group had the last laugh over the Rolling Stone review because they are a hit.

Their first release Cereal Killer, was a video album of songs on VHS format.

It became so popular that the public demanded the release of this chart topper on compact disc and cassette.

Green Jelly 333 has the same potential as the first release and this time the band has the backing of Ooz Jelly Entertainment, its own full fledged production facility. The multi-million dollar venture was once Frank Zappa's house. Now, it's not hard to see where the band is headed — straight to the top.

Monster Voodoo Machine cranks out album

By David Carlton

Artist: Monster Voodoo Machine

Album: Suffersystem

Performance: Heavy, pounding grunge with a technical edge

Hot Spots: Threat By Example

Bottom Line: Killer music from a killer source

It sounds remotely like a mix between Ministry, White Zombie and Rage Against the Machine, but with a touch of industrial distortion here and there, Monster Voodoo Machine (MVM) has a beautiful sound on its fist full-length album, Suffersystem.

After floating around on Epidemic Records with two EPs (Burn and State Voodoo/State Control), MVM has put something together that keeps the listener's attention to say the least.

The songs on the album have a real groove to them, and have more than a little weight to the overall

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sound. The opening song, Threat By Example, exemplifies this.

The sampling from Stacey "D.J. Big Buck Bingo" Hoskin and the guitars of Jason Cuddy and Darren Quinn lend raw and beautifully unrefined power to the recording, not the least bit tempered by Adam "Doom" Sewell's distorted vocals and controlled, raging lyrics.

Terry Landry's bass-playing is quick and distorted without making the notes unintelligible.

The groove is amazing. The songs Sunspots, Bastard Is as Bastard Does and Adding Insult To Injury have got three types of this.

Sunspots is slow and relentless, while Bastard Is as Bastard Does has a funky sound.

Adding Insult To Injury lends a

Suicidal Tendencies/Anthrax touch.

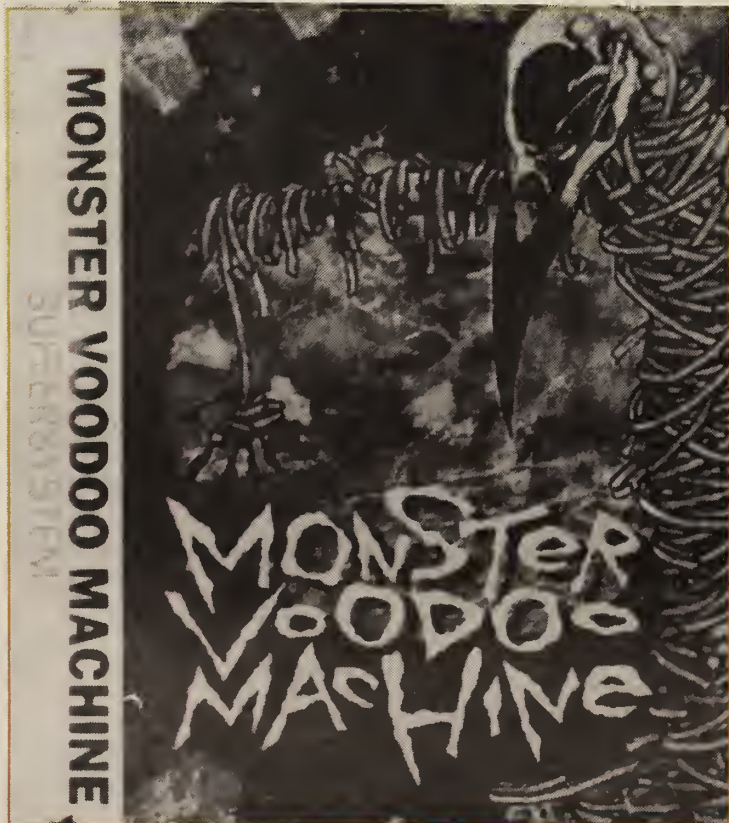
Sewell sings about injustice and madness in a way which leaves much to the imagination: "My spir-its were all broken inside. There's no more compassion inside. Got lost on a path to the void. Under-standing has long been destroyed, and it's all turned to hatred."

The only real problems with the whole recording are the songs Removal and Defense Mechanism.

The last few minutes of Defense Mechanism go on for far too long, while you hear little but sampling from earlier lyrics on the song.

Removal, even though the pounding and grinding music is beautifully done, is too repetitive. Every lyric in the song is repeated at least three times.

In spite of these songs, the remainder of the album is a must-listen for any grunge/industrial/thrash fans who are looking for something different.



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